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BERLIN ADMITS THE SUCCESS OF BRITISH ATTACKS ON HER LINES

GERMANS HAVE BEEN FORCED BACK TO THEIR THIRD LINE POSITIONS AND LOST MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND PRISONERS TO THE BRITISH.

French Statement Says Violent Artillery Duel Continues in the Fleury Sector, and that German Attack on French in Avoncourt Redoubt Sector was Repulsed, also German Attacks in Apremont Forest were Checked by Curtain of Fire—Berlin says Parts of the Position of Stromboka Taken by the Russians on July Third have been Re-captured by the Germans and More than Fifteen Hundred Prisoners Taken—Correspondents of London News, says Germans Appear Unable to Check British Drive and that British Met with less Resistance Friday than in Offensive of July First.

The British offensive was resumed today, the Germans being forced back to their third line positions and losing more than two thousand prisoners, the London war office announced today.

A French statement says the violent artillery duel continues in the Fleury sector, the attack on the French northeast of Avoncourt redoubt in the Verdun sector was repulsed and the German attempts to undertake attacks in Apremont forest were checked by a curtain of fire.

A continuation of the British attack on the German lines between Piesieres and Longueval resulted in penetrating the German lines and effecting a gain in territory, the German war office announces. The British also occupied Trones wood. Another German statement says, parts of the positions in Stromboka, taken from the Germans by the Russians on July 3, have been recaptured by the Germans, who took more than fifteen hundred prisoners.

Italy Denounces Agreement.

Rome, July 15.—The agreement in effect between Italy and Germany providing for a mutual respect by the two nations for the rights of each other's subjects, has been denounced by Italy, owing to the hostile attitude of Germany, according to the Giornale d'Italia today. No convention exists between the two nations, the newspaper declares.

Emperor Joseph Sinking.

Zurich, July 15.—News dispatches from Innsbruck say that members of the Austrian imperial family have been summoned to Schoenbrunn, owing to the serious illness of emperor Francis Joseph. Several specialists are attending the aged king and the news of the war is being withheld from him.

Unable to Check British.

London, July 15.—Correspondents of London newspapers and the Associated Press correspondent with the British army at the front in the Somme fighting tell of the apparent inability of the Germans to check the British drive. Although the Teutons appeared to be bringing up reserves to make counter attacks, they were unable to stop the British troops and in fighting at close quarters the Germans surrendered freely.

Much importance is attached to the Russian drive against the Turks in Caucasus. The Grand Duke Nicholas reports continuous successes there against the Turks and the launching of another great offensive in the region of Erzerum and Balbut, aimed at the very heart of the Turkish empire. A successful Russian advance on this line would cut off the Turkish armies

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WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., July 15.—
The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is generally fair.

SHALL CITY ISSUE BONDS AT THIS TIME?

EMERGENCIES ARISE THAT MUST BE MET. CITY WITHOUT FUNDS, MUST VOTE BONDS IF WORK IS TO CONTINUE.

Commenting upon a recent action of the board of city commissioners in calling an election for the purpose of voting the bond issue July 31, acting mayor London stated yesterday morning his views upon the matter in part as follows:

"Speaking from a personal standpoint only, I like a number of taxpayers both great and small would be only too glad to avoid any step that would tend to make the burden of taxpaying any higher than it is now. Already many of us think our taxes are about as high as we are able to bear, and any effort to increase them is liable to be looked upon unfavorably by the average citizen."

"But in this case the call for the bond issue is the logical result of an emergency brought about by conditions that none of us can easily control. The unprecedented growth and prosperity of the city has brought on a need for enlarging facilities for meeting the actual demands of the people. People are demanding water and sewer extensions to which the city was promised to provide. Much of the water and sewer equipment, once adequate have become insufficient and unsatisfactory because the city has outgrown their capacity."

In order to take care of these pressing demands the city is compelled to have material and equipment and have the work done, this will have to be paid for by the taxpayers, the logical and business way is to issue bonds payable within twenty-five years bearing five per cent. interest as stated in the call.

"An outline of these present demands and proposed improvements may be seen by any one so that any taxpayer may see for himself just where it is proposed to spend the money that may be raised by the bond issue. I earnestly hope that before any one makes up his mind on this proposition he will look carefully into the situation and be governed accordingly."

ORPET CASE TO JURY

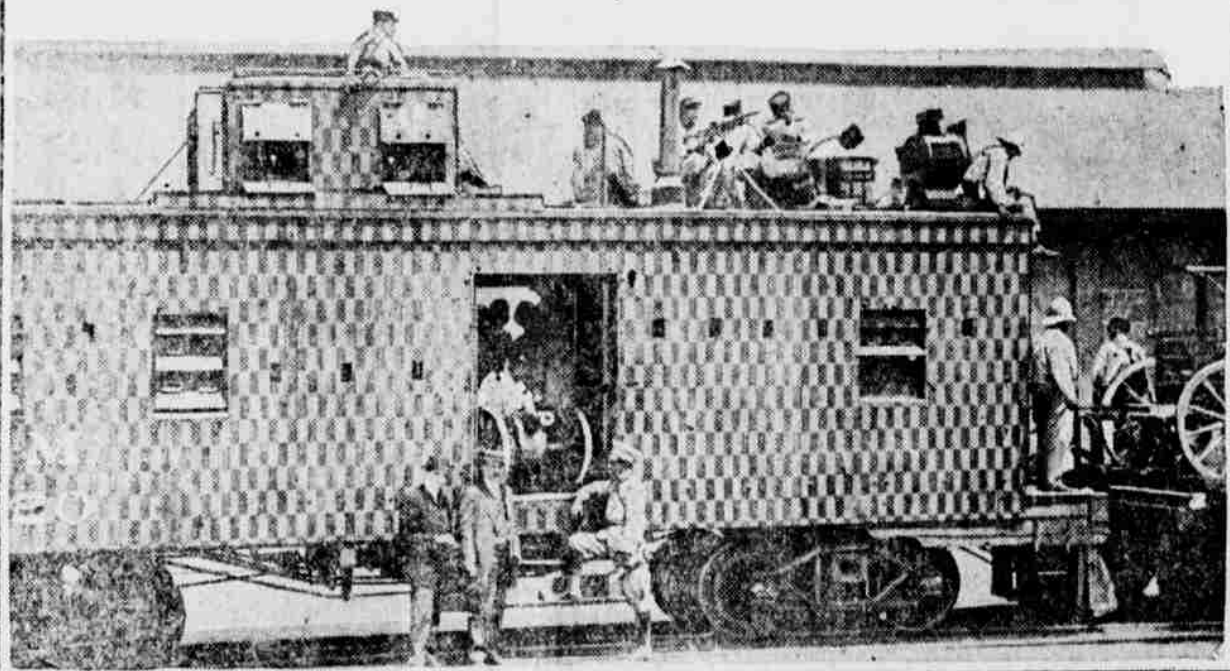
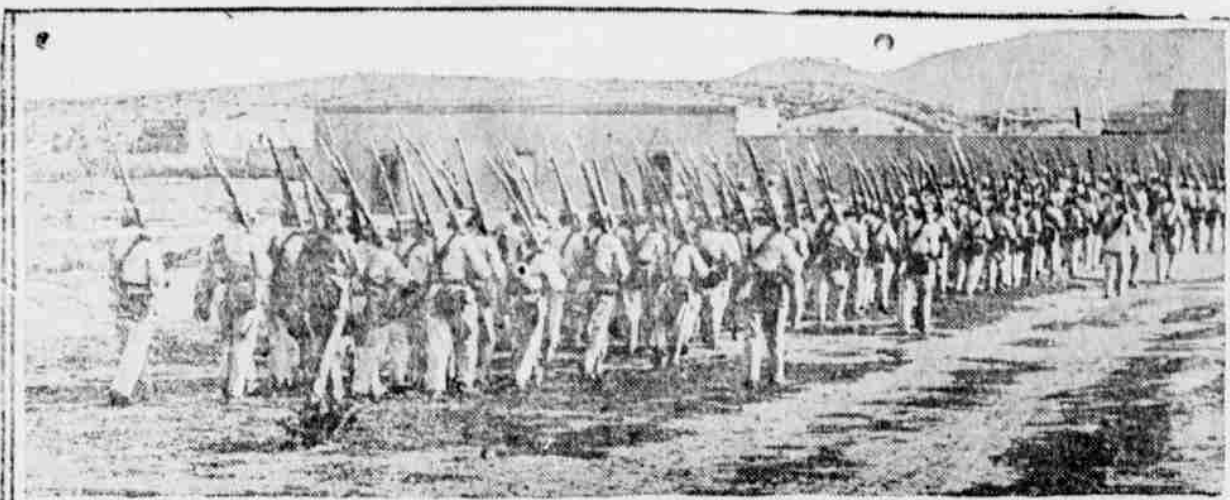
Defendant's Attorney Pleaded With Court's Instructions.

Waukegan, Ill., July 15.—The case of William H. Orpet, the collegian, charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, a high school girl, was given to the jury this afternoon. The counsel for the defendant said Judge Donnelly's instructions were tantamount to a command to the jury to acquit the defendant.

Hotel Men Are Here.

Col. C. M. Bryan of Augusta, Kans., has been here on a brief visit with his son, Marvin Bryan of the Randolph hotel. Mr. Bryan is in the hotel business in Augusta and is pleased with his business. Here at the same time was A. D. Bryan, who is in the hotel business at Waurika, and a brother to Marvin Bryan.

MEXICO HAS ENOUGH MEN FOR WAR; AMMUNITION AND OTHER SUPPLIES ARE SCARCE



MEXICAN REGULARS on MARCH and ARMORED CAR, WITH GUN

In the event of war with Mexico, the American authorities will place little reliance, it is said, on the possibility of serious trouble being raised for Carranza by his own people. It is believed the cry that the sovereignty and independent existence of Mexico are threatened by the "gringos" will unite all factions, even the bandits, behind the "first chief." Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul in New York, said he had received information to the effect that 1,000,000 Mexicans had offered to take up arms against the United States. However, these 1,000,000 men, if they have really volunteered—or even a much smaller number could not be used effectively in war since there is not enough ammunition in Mexico for even 100,000 men to keep up a fight for one month, it is asserted on good authority. Pictures show a Mexican armored car with field gun in the middle and a body of Mexican infantry on the march.

BOLL WEEVIL NOT BAD IN THIS COUNTY

COUNTY AGENT STATES THAT HE HAS FOUND BUT FEW PLACES INFECTED IN CARTER COUNTY—THESE NOT BAD.

That the boll weevil is not doing any material damage in Carter county is the assertion of county farm demonstration agent Carl Russell who has made a close personal inspection of the most of the county within the past few days. He states that he has found a few places that were infected, but the weather if it continues dry will be most favorable to the cotton plants and a large crop will be harvested this fall.

There has been a report from the county that some of the fields were badly infected there, and Mr. Russell will inspect this section this week. W. H. H. Keltner who resides in the vicinity stated yesterday that some of the fields were badly damaged but this is about the only section where the infection has been anything like serious. Reports from over this section proclaim a big corn crop, one farmer stated that rain was needed in some localities but as a rule corn was not hurting yet.

CONGRESSMAN'S NEW JOB.

Representative Hay of Virginia Will Go to Court of Claims Bench.

Washington, July 15.—President Wilson today nominated Representative James Hay of Madison, Va., chairman of the house military affairs committee, to be judge of the United States court of claims, succeeding Judge George W. Atkinson, who was retired for age.

Famous Bacteriologist Dead.

Paris, July 15.—Prof. Elie Metchnikoff, the famous bacteriologist, is dead.

FATAL ATTACK UPON WIFE OF PROSECUTOR

WIFE OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AT ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, BEATEN INSENSIBLE LAST NIGHT, DIED TODAY.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 15.—Mrs. Oscar McDaniel, wife of the prosecuting attorney of Buchanan county, died today following an attack by an intruder last night, who crushed her skull with a blunt instrument.

The husband was called from home by a telephone call ruse and when he returned the man opened fire on him. The assailant fled, then McDaniel found his wife in a pool of blood.

DEUTSCHLAND DECLARED A MERCHANTMAN

STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY FORMALLY RULED THAT SUBMARINE IS ENTITLED TO TREATMENT OF TRADE BOAT.

Washington, D. C., July 15.—The state department formally ruled today that the German submarine Deutschland is a merchant vessel and is entitled to treatment as such. In announcing the ruling, Acting Secretary Polk said it was not to be taken as a precedent and any similar cases in the future would be dealt with on individual merits.

The want ads will sell it.

PROVISION OF NAVAL BILL IS ELIMINATED

ON POINT OF ORDER BY BORAH, SENATE ELIMINATES PROVISION GIVING POWER TO TAKE OVER PRIVATE PLANTS.

Washington, July 15.—The provision in the naval appropriation bill authorizing the president to take over private buildings, engineering and ordnance plants in time of war or when war is imminent, was eliminated in the senate today on a point of order by Senator Borah. The proposal was held by the vice president as a matter for special legislation.

MEXICANS ARE FOUND GUILTY AT LAREDO, TEX.

FOUR MEXICANS PARTICIPATED IN THE SAN IGNACIO RAID ON JUNE FOURTEENTH—SENTENCED TO DIE.

Laredo, Tex., July 15.—The four Mexican bandits, who were captured after the San Ignacio raid on June 15, and were tried in the district court here for the murder of Private William Oberlies, were found guilty today and were sentenced to death.

Long Motor Trip.

Mrs. H. E. Foster, Mrs. N. H. McCoy and Miss Sallie Mays McCoy have returned from a motor trip of 1,000 miles through Oklahoma and Kansas. They left here June 28. Elvin Banks accompanied them as chauffeur.

ALL OF HUNDRED FORTY-TWO SAFE

TUG WILMINGTON AND LIGHT-HOUSE TENDER CYPRESS RESCUE MEN.

NOW IN CHARLESTON

Some of Them Were Landed in Charleston Navy Yard While Others Are Aboard Rescue Ships in Charleston Harbor.

Charleston, S. C., July 15.—All of the 142 men who abandoned the collier Hector, when she grounded last night, are safe aboard the tug Wilmington and the light house tender Cypress in Charleston harbor, some of them having been landed in Charleston navy yard, Captain Bryan of the navy yard announced today.

The naval collier went down in shallow water late Friday and during the night it was feared that all of the 142 men aboard had been lost, as no information could be received from the rescue ships which hurried to the scene with the first report of the accident to the Hector.

The Hector carried sixty marines in addition to her crew of seventy men and twelve officers. The collier left Port Royal naval station for Santo Domingo carrying marines who were recruits for the United States forces in Santo Domingo and Cuba.

J. S. MULLEN WILL SERVE FULL TIME

CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE WILL DEVOTE HIS FULL TIME TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Perhaps one of the best known men of the state and of the southwest is now a candidate for the state senate from this senatorial district and is making a most vigorous campaign now that he is in the race.

Reference is made to the candidacy of Mr. J. S. Mullen, who decided that there was work for him to do in the lawmaking body of the state and after persistent persuasion upon the part of his friends, consented to make the race for the state senate.

Mr. Mullen, matured in years and business experience, is one of the substantial business men of the state and for that reason is vitally interested in laws affecting the state at large. His friends believe that he is ably equipped to render such relief as is necessary at this time and to give the people of this district and state valuable service.

Mr. Mullen, like many others in the state, believes that there should be fewer laws and better laws, the statute books at the present time are encumbered with a lot of useless laws and freak passages that they are looked upon as a joke by many of the older states. These conditions he would remedy, pass such laws as are actually necessary and which would be enforced and leave all freak measures out of the statute books. He is especially in favor of low taxes.

Mr. Mullen is a man of recognized ability and if he is chosen to the office to which he aspires will render the people efficient service. Mr. Mullen is making a most vigorous campaign and every voter and citizen in the district will have an opportunity if possible of knowing him personally before the date set for the primary election, August first.

He assures the people, if elected, that he is so adjusting his business so as to give the constitutional 60 days every two years to the duties of the office.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.